I want to make sure my children and grandchildren do not have to go to war. There is only one way to keep that from happening, and that is to have a very, very strong defense. That is our best bet to keep our children out of war.

Following that, it only makes sense, one could only conclude that if you are interested in the 21st century for your children economically, so they can have a good job, have a good standard of living, you could not possibly not be interested in them having clean water. You could not possibly not be interested in them having clean air. What good will it do for them to have a good job and pay only reasonable taxes if they cannot drink their water or breathe their air?

Mr. Speaker, I know that there is a lot that has been said about this Republican Congress in terms of the environment, but I believe that if we can get past those who wish to reach political gain, those who wish to make money out of this argument, we can in this Congress pass environmental laws that will clean up this country and keep it cleaned up, as opposed to continuing to sink millions and millions and millions of dollars into bureaucratic redtape and into the pockets of our trial lawyers.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate having the opportunity this afternoon to get this off my chest.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. Jones) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, on March 28.

Mr. SHADEGG, for 5 minutes each day, on March 27, 28, and 29.

Mr. Burton of Indiana, for 5 minutes each day, on March 27, 28, and 29.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes each day, on March 27 and 28.

Mr. CANADY of Florida, for 5 minutes, on March 27.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. Skaggs) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. OBEY.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. HALL of Ohio.

Mr. MANTON.

Mr. FAZIO of California.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. Jones) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mrs. Myrick.

Mr. MANZULLO.

Mr. Combest.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mrs. Johnson of Connecticut.

Mr. Gallegly.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. Norwood) and to include extraneous matter:)

Ms. WATERS.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

Mr. GALLEGLY. Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. LIGHTFOOT.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1459. An act to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2293. A letter from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting the Council's annual report volume 16, fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 781(a)(8); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2294. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting GSA's investigation of the costs of operating privately owned vehicles based on calendar year 1995 data, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5707(b)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2295. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2296. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report entitled "Agency Compliance with Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995," pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1538; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2297. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting notice on leasing systems for the Central Gulf of Mexico, sale 157, scheduled to be held in April 1996, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(8); to the Committee on Resources.

2298. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's evaluation of oil tanker routing, pursuant to Public Law 101–380, section 4111(c) (104 Stat. 516); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2299. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the 1994 national water quality inventory report, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1315(b)(2); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2300. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General of the United States, transmitting a report entitled "Child Victimizers: Violent Offenders and Their Victims," pursuant to Public Law 103–322, section 320928(h) (108 Stat. 2133); jointly, to the Committees on the Judiciary and Economic and Educational Opportunities.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. SHUSTER (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. MOLINARI, and Mr. WISE):

H.R. 3159. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorized appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 for the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ARCHER (for himself, Mr. Bli-LEY, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. HYDE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. HASTERT):

H.R. 3160. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance, to reform medical liability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. GIB-BONS, and Mrs. KENNELLY):

H.R. 3161. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Romania; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 3162. A bill to facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new job creation through the establishment of a National Infrastructure Development Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington (for himself and Mrs. SMITH of Washington):

H.R. 3163. A bill to provide that Oregon may not tax compensation paid to a resident of Washington for services as a Federal employee at a Federal hydroelectric facility located on the Columbia River; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: H.R. 3164. A bill to exempt defense nuclear

H.R. 3164. A bill to exempt defense nuclear facilities from the Metric System Conversion Act of 1975; to the Committee on Science.